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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: HEADLEY CASE/ WAR AGAINST
TERRORISM, AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN, CHINA-PAKISTAN
NUCLEAR; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media
reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press.
The Mission reports on English-language media via email
through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

HEADLEY CASE/ WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

¶1. "WHEN WILL WE LEARN OUR LESSON?" editorial in
November 14 nationalist Hindi daily, RASHTRIYA SAHARA:
"It was India's good fortune that we escaped horrifying
attacks plotted by terrorist David Headley and Tahawwur
Hussain Rana. Fortunately the U.S. cops nabbed them and
nipped the conspiracy in the bud. Our own intelligence
agencies were sleeping all this while. So inept are
they, that they could not even get a glimpse of these
two when they visited Washington!"

¶2. "A TERRORIST WEB," editorial in November 16 left-of-
center Marathi daily, MAHARASHTRA TIMES: "The arrest of
U.S. national David Headley by the FBI for allegedly
plotting LeT terror attacks against India comes at a
crucial juncture in the global war against terror.
This is the time when India will need maximum
cooperation from the U.S. First, Indian authorities
should be allowed to interrogate the accused at great
length. Second, the U.S. has to exercise sufficient
pressure on Pakistan to unearth the whereabouts of
Headley's real bosses based in Pakistan. If at all

there is a war on terror, it involves a major strategic involvement from all countries."

AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN

¶3. "PAKISTAN AT A DIFFICULT JUNCTURE," op-ed in November 15 right-of-center Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "President Obama is reportedly focusing on the Afghan National Force, its training and equipment. For Pakistan this is a shock, because it was waiting for the U.S. to quit Afghanistan and later fill up the vacuum with Pakistan-supported Taliban. The Pakistan army has to choose between the Jihadist organizations - which it uses as a tool of its foreign policy -- and the international community."

CHINA-PAKISTAN NUCLEAR

¶4. "BREACH OF NUCLEAR TRUST," editorial in November 15 right-of-center Hindi daily, AMAR UAJALA: "It has been now been exposed that China served Pakistan nuclear bombs on a platter. The question is what will the global community do about China's violation of international nuclear non-proliferation policy? We know President Obama cannot do anything about China because the U.S. is driven by its business and commercial

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interests. But for us it is a matter of concern... The major powers talk big about non-proliferation, but keep mum when something like this breaks out."
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